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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Dated: January 28, 2004

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Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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1. A check in the amount of \$265.00 is attached.

- 2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fees, and/or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1290. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- 3. Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, as may be required, to file this response.

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